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BEGIN SUMMARY. DESPITE DISAGREEMENT WITH US ON CONTENT, NORWAY PLANS TO TABLE A DRAFT ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES EARLY IN CSCE PROCEEDINGS IN GENEVA. HAVING DISCUSSED CBM'S IN WASHINGTON, NORWAY WILL NOT ATTEMPT FURTHER COORDINATION OF ITS PAPER IN NATO, ACCORDING TO NORWEGIAN CSCE DELEGATION HEAD LEIF MEVIK. MEVIK ALSO DISCUSSED WITH CHARGE NORWEGIAN INITIATIVES ON YOUTH COOPERATION AND FACILITATING MARRIAGES. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH CHARGE AND EMBOFFS

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SEPTEMBER 14, LEIF MEVIK, WHO WILL HEAD NORWEGIAN DELEGATION

AT CSCE ROUND II, MENTIONED CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES, YOUTH COOPERATION, AND FACILITATING MARRIAGES AS AREAS IN WHICH NORWAY WILL TAKE INITIATIVES.

2. CBM'S. MEVIK REFERRED TO RECENT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN NORWEGIAN EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND SAID THAT US AND NORWAY UNFORTUNATELY STILL HAVE DIVERGENT VIEWPOINTS. HE INDICATED THAT DIFFERENCES HAVE TO DO WITH SCOPE OF ACTIVITY THAT SHOULD BE COVERED BY THE TWO AGREED CBM'S AND NOTED THAT NORWAY'S PRIMARY INTEREST IS IN ACHIEVING MEASURES WHICH WILL AFFECT MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOVIET-NORWEGIAN BORDER AREA. NORWEGIANS HOPE, HE SAID, TO COME UP WITH A CAREFULLY-WORDED FORMULATION WHICH WOULD PREVENT UNREPORTED SOVIET MOVEMENTS IN THE NORTH WHILE NOT AFFECTING US OR ALLIED MOVEMENTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. MEVIK SAID NORWEGIANS HAVE A PAPER THEY EXPECT TO TABLE EARLY IN CSCE PROCEEDINGS, PROBABLY BY END OF NEXT WEEK. ASKED WHETHER THEY PLAN TO CONSULT FIRST IN NATO OR NATO CAUCUS AT GENEVA, MEVIK SAID THAT QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED EARLIER IN DAY IN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DECISION WAS AGAINST FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. NORWEGIANS HAVE ALREADY CONSULTED WITH US. MEVIK SAID, AND IN ADDITION THE BRITISH PROVIDED A PRECEDENT BY TABLING AN UNCOORDINATED PAPER ON CBM'S AT HELSINKI.

3. COMMENT: AS WE HAVE NOT SEEN A REPORT OF THE WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS TO WHICH MEVIK REFERRED, WE DID NOT ATTEMPT TO GO INTO DETAILS WITH MEVIK, NOR DO WE KNOW WHETHER THE PLANNED NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL COMES AS A SURPRISE OR WILL BE TROUBLESOME TO US DELEGATION. MEVIK WAS SPEAKING QUITE FRANKLY AND MENTION OF HIS REMARKS TO OTHER NORWEGIANS MIGHT BE EMBARRASSING TO HIM. IF VEST OR OTHERS ON USDEL SHOULD WISH TO TAKE FURTHER SOUNDINGS ON NORWEGIAN PLANS IN GENEVA, WE URGE THAT THE APPROACH BE MADE ONLY TO MEVIK AND IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH OSLO EMBOFFS.

4. YOUTH. WITHOUT DISCLOSING SOURCE, WE ASKED ABOUT NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL FOR AN ALL-EUROPEAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION REPORTED IN BONN 13076. MEVIK SAID THAT, TOO, HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN MORNING'S PLANNING SESSION AT FOREIGN MINISTRY
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AND THAT NORWEGIAN IDEAS ARE STILL IN VERY PRELIMINARY STAGES. ONE POINT DISCUSSED HAD BEEN WHETHER US AND CANADIAN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE INVOLVED, BUT NO DECISION WAS REACHED. CHARGE DESCRIBED SOME OF US EXPERIENCES WITH YOUTH EXCHANGES WITH SOVIETS AND DIFFICULTIES OF FINDING INFORMED AND ARTICULATE YOUTH LEADERS FROM WEST WHO CAN HOLD THEIR OWN WITH BETTER DISCIPLINED AND FULLY INDOCTRINATED KOMSOMOL LEADERS IN FORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ALLOTTED

FOREIGN AFFAIRS TOPICS. MEVIK AGREED THIS IS A PROBLEM, THOUGH PERHAPS LESS SO FOR NORWAY WHERE YOUTH ARE FAIRLY WELL ORGANIZED IN POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE ALSO AGREED ANY NEW ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY WORKED OUT TO AVOID EASTERN DOMINATION. MEVIK SAID GUIDING SPIRIT BEHIND NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL IS LEIF EDWARDSSEN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND SUGGESTED WE STAY IN TOUCH WITH HIM IF WE ARE INTERESTED IN PURSUING THE MATTER.

5. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM DEPARTMENT A COPY OF THE NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL POUCHED BY BONN, ALONG WITH ANY THOUGHTS DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE US TO CONVEY TO EDWARDSSEN ON DESIRABILITY OF BRINGING US INTO THE PICTURE.

6. MARRIAGE. MEVIK SAID THE NORWEGIAN BASKET III PROPOSAL ON FACILITATING MARRIAGES WOULD BE QUITE MODEST, BUT THAT THE PROBLEM WHICH NORWEGIANS AND OTHER WESTERNERS HAVE ENCOUNTERED THROUGH THE YEARS IN TRYING TO MARRY SOVIET OR EAST EUROPEAN CITIZENS PROMPTS THEM TO HAVE A TRY AT REACHING SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT IN THIS AREA OF HUMAN RELATIONS.

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